



LANE CRASH—Part of the wreckage of the Eastern Air Lines jetliner strewn over the swampy Everglades.

### 81 Plucked Alive From Everglades Swamp

## Death Toll 96 in Miami Superjet Crash

MIAMI, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Salvage teams today sifted through twisted remains of an Eastern Airlines TriStar passenger jet that plunged into Florida's Everglades Friday, killing more than half the persons aboard.

At Eastern's last count, the scattered wreckage tonight, 81 people aboard the jet when it went down, 29 bodies recovered, 81 survivors accounted for and as many as seven others missing and presumed dead. Company officials declined, however, that they did not know precisely how many souls were on the flight.

The National Transportation Safety Board called for a rare public hearing to investigate the crash of the Lockheed L-1011 Superjet "18 miles northwest of Miami International Airport." At least 96 persons died in the crash, but officials said the figure did change as more bodies are pulled from the alligator and snake-infested Everglades swamp. A rescuer said nothing remained of the plane carrying holiday passengers from New York to Miami but a twisted "confetti" of metal, wood and bodies. They said they expected to find more bodies strewn about the crash site but doubted if they would find more survivors.

The first survivors pulled out were in a ditch-black crash site were taken to Palmetto Hospital. They were placed in wheelchairs and wheeled through the emergency room crying. "Is my daddy alive? Is my daddy alive?" Coastguardman Don Schenck, one of the first rescuers to reach the scene, reported seeing looting and watches and wallets from a dead. He said he managed to reach a man whom he believed to be the pilot, but he died while he was trying to rescue him.

can you do? We were there trying to help the survivors and get them out of there." The plane came down near water-control dike with a fuel atop that enabled ambulances to get within several hundred yards of the wreckage. Boats ferried survivors to the ambulances.

The TriStar, first of the Superjets to crash, was cleared for landing at Miami and was turning at 2,000 feet to approach the runway when it went down without warning, National Transportation Safety Board chairman John M. Reed said.

One of the surviving stewards, Adrienne Hamilton, told Mr. Reed she had been "unaware of any problem." She said she saw ground fog and "suddenly the plane crashed."

MIAMI, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Officials said that it was fortunate the TriStar had made a landing approach from the west and thus could settle down in the thick fog.

He said the control tower radioed, "I've lost you on radar. What is your altitude?" But there was no reply.

He also confirmed the resumption of technical talks at the experts' level, to which the United States is sending William H. Sullivan, a deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs. Mr. Sullivan has represented the North Vietnamese in past technical sessions. One such session proposed by the United States for last Wednesday was rejected by Hanoi.

No reference was made by Hanoi to the formal, and long stalemated, sessions of the four delegations. The United States has proposed a meeting for Thursday. The Viet Cong delegation said of that session, "We will see later."

Mr. Le recalled that North Vietnam had several times called upon the United States to return to the situation existing before Dec. 18, when President Nixon announced the resumption of the bombing above the 20th parallel.

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# U.S. Halts Hanoi Raids; Peace Talks to Resume

## North Vietnam Denies It Yielded to Bombing

By Harry Ginger

PARIS, Dec. 31 (UPI)—North Vietnam sought last night to dispel the idea that it had yielded to military pressure in agreeing to further peace talks with the United States.

"The resumption of the bombings while negotiations were proceeding, did not succeed in subjugating the Vietnamese people," a statement by the North Vietnamese delegation to the formal peace talks here said. The delegation pointed instead to the "heavy losses" suffered in American planes shot down and to the severe condemnation of the attacks by "wide sectors of world opinion."

In Paris today, North Vietnam reaffirmed its insistence on an immediate signing of the draft peace accord reached in October. In a statement after a 30-minute meeting with Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann of France, the North Vietnamese delegate general to France, Vo Van Sung, said: "For us the position is clear. There was an accord reached on Oct. 20. In the interest of the United States, of Vietnam and of world peace it is necessary that the American government rapidly take steps to sign it. If the American side continues to put forward unreasonable modifications it will be difficult to reach a solution."

The Hanoi delegation's spokesman, Nguyen Thanh Le, said that the United States had halted its attacks above the 20th Parallel, which North Vietnam had insisted on as a condition to new cease-fire talks. He said the raids had ended at 7 a.m. yesterday, Hanoi time, or 2300 GMT and 7 p.m. Friday, Washington time.

The North Vietnamese said that it was the Poliburo member charged with the private talks, would return to Paris to join Xuan Thuy, nominal head of their delegation. In the negotiations with Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security.

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## Kissinger, Tho to Meet In Paris Again Jan. 8

By Bernard Gwertzman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (UPI)—The White House announced yesterday that President Nixon had halted the bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel and that Henry A. Kissinger would resume negotiations for a Vietnam settlement with Le Duc Tho in Paris on Jan. 8. The announcement of the renewed efforts to seek a negotiated settlement, ending nearly two weeks of heavy bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, also said that the technical talks of lower-level American and North Vietnamese experts would resume on Tuesday in Paris.

Gerald L. Warren, a deputy White House press secretary, said in answer to a question at a White House briefing for newsmen that "as soon as it was clear that serious negotiations could be resumed at both the technical level and between the principals, the President ordered that all bombing be discontinued above the 20th Parallel."

It was unclear whether the impetus for the new round of negotiations had come from Hanoi, battered by B-52 raids, or from Washington, which was possibly looking for an excuse to suspend the latest raids because of increasing foreign aid domestic pressure.

The White House announcement did not specify any length of time for the halt.

After the White House briefing, the Defense Department disclosed that all bombing and all naval shelling of the North Vietnamese heartland, the area north of the 20th Parallel, had actually ceased Friday night, Washington time.

Mr. Warren refused to discuss how the latest development came about. Previously, North Vietnam had said that it would not enter into further negotiations until the situation "reverted to that existing on Dec. 18"—the date Mr. Nixon ordered the raids north of the 20th Parallel. Administration officials had said that the raids would continue until Hanoi agreed to engage in "serious" negotiations.

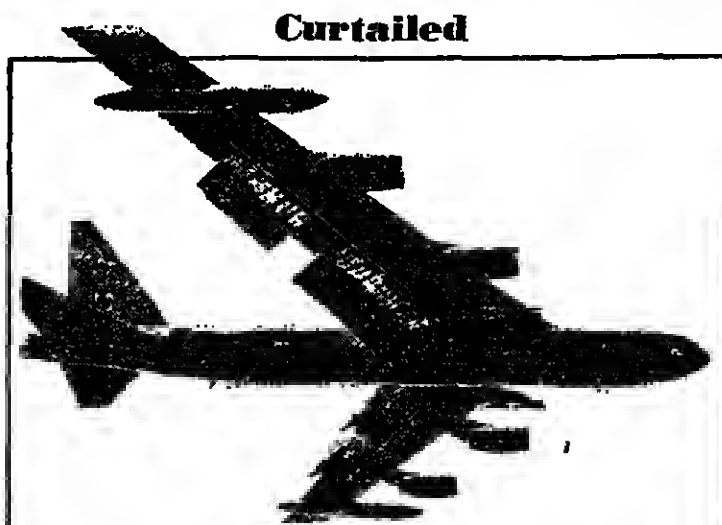
Still Some Bombing  
Bombing will presumably continue in the North Vietnamese panhandle region, between the 17th and 20th parallels. This is a relatively unpopulated area, and raids on it are meant mainly to cut North Vietnamese supply routes to South Vietnam and Laos.

It was not clear whether resumption of negotiations between Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Nixon's chief foreign policy adviser, and Mr. Tho, the Hanoi Poliburo member charged with the private negotiations, presaged a successful end to the war.

Neither is it clear exactly what differences remain between Hanoi and Washington, and whether either side has altered its position in the last two weeks. When Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho broke off their negotiations on Dec. 15, they agreed not to make public the details of their talks. Since then, both sides have discussed the negotiations in general terms, but have provided few specifics.

"Peace is at hand"  
The talks have had dramatic ups and downs since Oct. 26, when Hanoi disclosed that a nine-point draft agreement had been reached and Mr. Kissinger said that "peace is at hand."

On Oct. 26, Mr. Kissinger said at a news conference that additional talks were needed to wrap up final details of the agreement, which Hanoi had insisted should be continued on Page 2, Col. 6)



**B-52 PROFILE**  
Crew:..... 6  
Cost:.....\$8-million  
Length:.....156 feet  
Height:.....40 feet  
Wingspan:..185 feet  
Range:.....12,500 miles  
Speed:.....650 m.p.h.  
Maximum Take-off Weight: 488,000 pounds  
Capacity:..30 tons of 500-pound and 750-pound bombs.  
Number Available (in Guam and Thailand): 200  
Usually protected on flights over North Vietnam by F-105 and F-4 (Phantoms). F-105's carry radar-jamming gear and other electronic devices to protect bombers.

### Debate Dates to Mid-1960s

## U.S. Officials Sharply Divided Whether Raids Brought Talks

By Seymour M. Hersh

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"But it isn't just coercion," the officer added. "Even without successful negotiations, we're preparing the way so that we can have the ally over there stand on his own without our help. Even if the bombs don't coerce the enemy into successful peace talks, they're destroying his will to fight."

But there were many other government officials who—citing the heavy U.S. air losses, the growing international outcry and the mounting congressional unrest—believe that the bombing has been extremely counterproductive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The outbreak in the bombing of North Vietnam was greeted by members of Congress and other Americans yesterday with hopes that the next round of negotiations will lead to peace.

A number of opponents of President Nixon's Vietnam policy also said that the bombing should not have been escalated to civilian centers.

After the outbreak was announced, for example, the American Association for the Advancement of Science adopted a resolution in Washington condemning continued U.S. presence in the war and urging immediate withdrawal.

The bombing outbreak brought a reaction of "that's great" from Sen. William Saxton, R.-Ohio, a supporter of Mr. Nixon's policy until the latest bombings.

"I hope that's the end of it," Sen. Saxton said, adding that he thinks congressional efforts to end the war will continue.

Last Thursday he said in an interview that the President's bombing order had exhibited "arrogance and irresponsibility."

Rep. Henry Reuss, D., Wis., termed Mr. Nixon a bull, saying the bombing had outraged the world. The American Friends Service Committee said the United States had committed "one of the largest atrocities in the history of mankind in terms of bombing of civilians."

Sen. Charles Percy, R., Ill., said: "The first order of business in Paris should now be the establishment of an in-place cease-fire and agreement on exchange of prisoners, as the details of a total settlement are worked out."

Activists for peace in Vietnam continued their protests.

About 2,000 persons walked in a chilly parade from the National (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

## Without Fanfare, '6' Becomes '9'

By David Haworth

BRUSSELS, Dec. 31 (UPI)—A major turning point in post-war European history was reached here tonight without ceremony or celebration when Britain, Ireland and Denmark formally became members of the Common Market.

After all the arguments about enlarging the European Economic Community from six to nine and two years of tough negotiations as well as referendums in Ireland and Denmark, the event itself was an astonishing climax.

The world's largest trading bloc, with a population of 250 million, was created at midnight, yet nothing was allowed to spoil the determined calm of the holiday. The European Commission building was in darkness except for a Christmas tree shape and the word "Europa" created by the lights of selected offices.

## Nixon Decision to Reduce Bombing Applauded

Some Europeans Are Skeptical

Hopes for Peace Rise in U.S.

PARIS, Dec. 31 (UPI)—European leaders yesterday welcomed President Nixon's decision to halt the bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th parallel.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann told newsmen that President Nixon's decision has "rekindled the hopes of peace again." He said that France's backstage efforts to get the talks going again appeared to be bearing fruit.

Britain's Prime Minister Edward Heath said that he was heartened by the announcement that the peace negotiations would resume next month.

"We must all pray that they will lead to a successful outcome," he said.

Mr. Heath's comment was made in a letter to Roy Jenkins, opposition Labor party member of Parliament who has been pressuring Mr. Heath to protest the

The Soviet Union, after a delay of more than four hours, issued a brief announcement of the President's decision through Tass.

In Budapest, the Hungarian radio said that Mr. Nixon ordered an end to the air raids as a result "of worldwide indignation."

The radio said that "against all expectations, this year may still end as a year of hope for peace."

Danish Premier Anker Joergensen said that the Washington announcement was a sign that the United States has finally come to its senses.

Mr. Joergensen, however, expressed "some skepticism, since we have unfortunately been disappointed too many times before," which avoided commenting on the bombing, greeted the Washington announcement "with relief."

Mr. Joergensen said, adding that he





ONE OF THE INJURED—Coast Guard helicopter pilot (with helmet) helps to transfer badly injured man, with possible broken arm and legs, from helicopter to hospital in Hialeah, where most of the injured were taken.

## Death Toll 96, With 81 Safe In Superjet Crash Near Miami

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cushion of mud in the Everglades. For most of the week, the wind had been from the west, which meant that all traffic to Miami Airport arrived from the east, cruising low over the ocean and the densely populated metropolitan area. But the wind shifted on Thursday.

More than 80 relatives of passengers were flown from New York metropolitan airports to Miami by the airline.

Six Hospitals

Flying aboard regularly scheduled Eastern flights, they were met in Miami by airline representatives, who took them to one of the six hospitals where survivors of the crash had been taken. The hospitals were the Palmetto, Mercy, Hialeah, Parkway, Palm Springs and Hollywood Memorial.

A spokesman for Eastern also said that the airline was providing hotel accommodations for any of the relatives who needed them.

A special telephone task force set up by the airline provided relatives and friends through the day with the latest information on the condition of survivors.

Relatives of those known to

have died in the crash were not flown to Miami, but the airline said that it would make arrangements to take the bodies to points designated by next-of-kin.

The crash raised seemingly contradictory questions about the safety of the new generation of wide-body commercial jets.

It is too early to tell why the 236-seat jetliner suddenly fell from the sky while about 17 miles from the landing strip at Miami International Airport, and it will probably require several weeks before federal investigators can pin the blame either on human error or mechanical failure.

But the fact that nearly half of the 171 persons aboard the craft survived the grinding plunge to earth buoyed hopes among experts that the big frame of the jumbo jet offered added protection against fatal injuries in this type of crash.

"It's been felt that the wide-body jets had higher survival features, but we had to unfortunately have an accident to demonstrate it," said Mr. Reed.

Search for Clues

Mr. Reed and a 10-member investigative team arrived at dawn yesterday to start the intricate search for clues to the accident, the first fatal crash involving a wide-body aircraft.

He said that the cockpit voice and flight data recorders aboard the plane had been recovered from the wreckage but that the contents had not yet been reviewed.

The Tristar, introduced on Eastern routes last spring, was the latest in the line of jumbo jets, joining the Boeing 747, which has been in service for nearly three years without a disastrous accident, and the DC-10.

"The L-1011 has been a beautiful aircraft," said Robert K. Bingham, an Eastern pilot who heads a company team that trains other pilots to fly the jumbo jet. "The engines are outstanding and the avionics (flight control systems) are great. There have been minor problems with the performance that have been corrected."

So far, Mr. Bingham said, there has been no evidence that a sudden loss of power made the aircraft stall, which, at that low altitude, would have made the chances for recovery minimal.

No Fire After Crash

He estimated that the plane probably carried about 48,000 pounds of jet fuel when it hit the ground, but no serious fire developed.

Although the fuselage was shredded away as it went through the mud and swamps of the Everglades, the angle of the descent spared a more convulsive impact. The large cargo compartments beneath the passenger deck also provided a crumpled buffer between the survivors and the ground.

With the fuselage peeled back and blown away, some of the passengers emerged with only minor cuts and bruises, stumbling blindly in the darkness amid the sharp smell of fuel and the cries of the more seriously hurt.

Thus the anomaly of brutal destruction and yet a high rate of human survival, a set of circumstances that will be pondered as the investigation into the crash attempts to detect the flaw that made the 236,000-pound jet drop out of the Florida sky.

## 2 Frenchmen Freed By Saigon Regime

SAIGON, Dec. 31 (Reuters).—Two French schoolteachers imprisoned two years ago for working a Viet Cong flag in Saigon have been released and deported from South Vietnam.

The sources said Jean-Pierre Dubois, 28, and Marcel André Dubois, 25, were released from Chi Hoa Jail yesterday and later flew out of Saigon for Hong Kong to catch a flight to Paris.

Mr. Dubois had been sentenced to four years in prison and Mr. Dubois to three years. Sources said President Nguyen Van Thieu had ordered their release as a Christmas gesture.



...AND ANOTHER—Hospital attendant running to emergency ambulance with 2-month-old baby crash survivor.

## Hanoi Said to Leave Troops In South Without Guidance

By Fox Butterfield

SAIGON, Dec. 31 (AP).—U.S. intelligence officials say that Hanoi has not transmitted its regular policy directions to Communist forces in South Vietnam for almost two months, apparently because of confusion over the Paris peace talks.

As a result of this lack of guidance, the intelligence analysts report, Viet Cong and North Vietnamese officers in the South have been left in a state of "uncertainty" and Communist attacks have fallen to the lowest level of the year.

"What it all boils down to is that they haven't got a party line," a senior U.S. analyst said, "and its absence complicates their lives. In a hierarchical organization, when you don't have orders, you lose discipline."

Leaders' Absence Cited

U.S. intelligence sources said that little, if anything, is known about the actual policy debates in North Vietnam's Politburo since the draft peace accord was not signed at the end of October, as Hanoi had expected.

The situation in the North Vietnamese capital has probably been complicated by the absence much of the time of four members of the 11-man Politburo, including Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief negotiator in Paris, and Truong Chinh, North Vietnam's second most powerful leader.

Mr. Chinh went to Moscow two weeks ago to attend the 18th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Soviet Union, accompanied by another Politburo member, Hoang Van Hoan.

The fourth leader absent from Hanoi is Le Thanh Nghi, North Vietnam's chief economist, who has been away since Nov. 15.

Whatever the Politburo's debate, in response to Washington's demand for modified peace terms, Hanoi did not send out a regular monthly directive and analysis of progress last month or this month.

Since the beginning of the big North Vietnamese offensive last spring, Hanoi has been issuing such overall monthly directives through its chief command agency in the South, known to American officials as COSVN, or Central Office for South Vietnam.

The last regular set of instructions, for October, advised leaders of units in the South to seize as much territory as they could in preparation for a cease-fire at the end of the month.

Hanoi's only known order since then, U.S. analysts say, was a

## Swedish Official 'Astonished' By U.S. Rebuff on New Envoy

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 31 (Reuters).—Swedish Foreign Minister Krister Wickman said yesterday that he was astonished by an American request to Sweden not to send a new ambassador to Washington.

"Sweden is not an enemy country," he said. At the same time, he expressed his delight at the news that President Nixon had ordered a halt to the bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel.

The raids had caused a major rift in U.S.-Swedish relations. "This is good news," Mr. Wickman said, when told of the bombing halt and the planned resumption of Vietnam peace talks next month.

The State Department move followed outspoken criticism by Premier Olof Palme of the American bombings. On the weekend of Dec. 24, he compared the bombings with the Nazi massacres and other outrages.

Premier Palme said yesterday that he was very pleased that the White House had announced a bombing halt.

The premier said that it was a move in the right direction. "I am convinced that strong international opinion directed against the bombing had an effect," he said. "We will naturally continue to support the movement for peace in Vietnam."

Commenting yesterday on the Nixon administration's reaction to Mr. Palme's criticism of the air raids, Mr. Wickman said, "My government does not use these methods. We believe in the principle of universality when it comes to diplomatic relations."

"I am astonished by the American moves," he said. "America's strong diplomatic protest means that, after Jan. 8, neither country will be represented in the other's capital by an ambassador. Their embassies will continue to function, however."

On the day, Swedish Ambassador Hubert de Hoosh, who is retiring, will return home. According to the Swedish Embassy here, the ambassador would not be welcome in Washington for the time being.

There has been no American ambassador in Sweden since August, and the ranking American diplomat in Sweden, Chargé d'Affaires John Guthrie, is now on vacation in the United States. He

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be signed by Oct. 31. Negotiations resumed in Paris on Nov. 1, recessed on Nov. 25 and began again on Dec. 4.

The negotiations broke down Dec. 13, with Mr. Kissinger charging three days later that Hanoi for unspecified reasons, decided to procrastinate at the bargaining table, refusing to agree to the final details of an accord that it was 99 percent complete.

Hanoi denied that it was to blame for the delay and said that the breakdown was due to the American effort to reopen issues that went to the heart of the agreement, such as seeking language that would force Hanoi to recognize implicitly the sovereignty of the Saigon government over all of South Vietnam.

U.S. Appreciation

On Dec. 18, Mr. Nixon ordered bombing raids resumed throughout North Vietnam. Such raids had been authorized last April following North Vietnam's spring offensive against South Vietnam, but on Oct. 22, in appreciation for Hanoi's "goodwill" at the negotiating table, Mr. Nixon suspended raids above the 20th Parallel.

The latest raids, however, included round-the-clock flights of B-52s over the Hanoi area, the first time these strategic aircraft, which can carry up to 30 tons of explosives, had been used near populated areas. The Pentagon has announced the loss of 15 B-52s and 12 other aircraft since Dec. 18, with 93 airmen killed, captured or missing.

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## U.S. Jets Hit Lower Part Of the North

Bombers Also Act In Laos, Cambodia

SAIGON, Dec. 31 (AP).—With the U.S. bombing of Laos and Cambodia stopped and the New Year's cease-fire in effect in South Vietnam, U.S. planes today in the south part of North Vietnam, and in Laos and Cambodia.

Raid continued below 20th parallel of North Vietnam along the Ho Chi Minh of supply lines in Laos against other suspected routes and bases in Cambodian officials said.

The U.S. command refused to discuss air operations, but was understood that U.S. planes would not attack targets in North Vietnam until late tomorrow honor a 24-hour truce by South Vietnamese forces.

The U.S. command also announced a cease-fire, but past Communist government declarations have been meaningless. The U.S. command, for example, reported 63 violations in an overlay Christmas cease-fire last 1. Battlefield action through South Vietnam was light scattered before the truce.

U.S. Ambassador William P. Rogers called on President Nguyen Van Thieu in Saigon, today, for 10 minutes. There was no report, as usual, about discussion but the brevity of meeting indicated Mr. Bu might have been delivering message from President Nixon receiving one from Mr. Thieu.

The Hanoi radio, however, broadcast a North Vietnamese Army statement that 81 planes—34 of them B-52s—were shot down during expanded U.S. bombing between Dec. 18 and Dec. 29.

The broadcast said "bunch" of U.S. planes had been down. The U.S. command has reported 93 men captured, missing or killed, and 27 aircraft—15 of B-52s—down.

North Vietnam has indicated that at least a third of the men have been captured. At 30 have been presented at a conference in Hanoi and identified by name. A total of 431 airmen had previously been captured by North Vietnam.

The Hanoi broadcast made mention of the suspension of bombing north of the 20th Parallel and plans for resumption of the Paris peace talks, which were announced yesterday by White House.

It also shattered the big strategic air raid ever initiated by the American imperialists, the broadcast said. "We have secured a magnificent strategic-military and political position never witnessed before."

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According to the Associated Press, Ford Taylor, the former prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trial who is now a law professor at Columbia University, reported that the Beach Hotel hospital in Hanoi had been "blown to smithereens, blown to bits, completely destroyed, and his more than 100 on successive days."

Pentagon officials said last week that they were unable to confirm the destruction of the hospital.

Another American, folk singer Joan Baez said that she had left Hanoi with a feeling of the "horrific slaughter, the blood, the people strewn here and there."

French agency reports had indicated that many residential areas of the city, which has an extremely high population density, had been heavily bombed.

The number of U.S. pilots and enlisted men officially reported dead, missing or captured since the raids began was put at 93 by the military command in Saigon, with fewer known to have been captured in North Vietnam.

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## World Tourism Setting Records

GENEVA, Dec. 31 (AP).—World tourism is expected to reach a record of 193 million international travelers for 1972 as compared with 181 million in 1971.

A report issued recently by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations indicates that total receipts from tourism—excluding transport costs—will be more than \$24 billion, up from \$20.9 billion in 1971.

The projected receipts take into account the year-old dollar devaluation which IUTO said has "only a slight effect" on travel demand of tourists from North America.

Since 1962, world tourism has grown at an average annual rate of more than 9 percent, making the industry "the first choice of investors" in developed and developing countries.

## 123 Political Prisoners Freed in Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 31 (AP).—One hundred twenty-three persons detained in two military detention centers were released today by the Philippine authorities after they reaffirmed their loyalty to the republic.

Since early this month authorities have announced release of more than 2,000 detainees out of 2,381 taken into custody after martial law was declared Sept. 22.

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## Nixon Said to Offer to Name Union Men to Top Positions

By Philip Shabecoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (NYT).—President Nixon has offered to name a labor representative to a high level in every federal government department, a well-informed White House official disclosed.

The offer, said to be without parallel in labor history, was made to labor members of the National Productivity Commission including George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, and Frank S. Fitzsimmons, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, at a White House meeting last week.

The White House now is awaiting recommendations from Mr. Meany and Mr. Fitzsimmons on whether the President's offer is to be accepted and if so how it would be implemented.

The White House official was not specific about what sort of posts would be offered to trade union representatives. However, labor sources said that they understood the offer was to place union men at the assistant secretary level in all relevant government agencies.

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## Truman Epitaph Is in His Will, Daughter Says

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 31 (AP).—Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniel, the only child of Harry S. Truman, said yesterday that an epitaph for the 33d President had been provided in his will. Mr. Truman died Tuesday in Kansas City at age 88.

A family spokesman, Randall Jesse, said that the wording of the inscription would be made public later and that Mrs. Daniel had told him it includes high lights of Mr. Truman's life.

Mrs. Daniel said she intended to attend the memorial services for her father next Friday at National Cathedral in Washington. The service is expected to be attended by 1,000 persons. Mr. Jesse said, including most members of Congress and some 200 heads of state.

A longtime family friend, Mr. Jesse visited with Mrs. Bess Truman and Mrs. Daniel yesterday, as they discussed the invitation list for the service.

Mr. Jesse said Mrs. Truman, 87, remained in good spirits.

## Alaska Sets Election To Fill House Seat

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 31 (AP).—A special election has been called for March 6 to fill the seat of Rep. Nick Begich, Alaska's only member of the House of Representatives, who is presumed to have died in a plane crash.

Minutes after U.S. District Court Judge Dorothy Tyrer signed a presumptive-death certificate Friday for Rep. Begich, a Democrat, Gov. William Egan declared the congressional seat vacant and called for the special election.

With Rep. Begich when a small, twin-engine plane disappeared on a campaign flight from Anchorage to Juneau Oct. 16 was House Democratic leader, Hale Boggs of Louisiana. Rep. Boggs, at the request of his family, was not included in the presumptive death hearing held earlier this month. He had not been declared officially dead.

## Canals Freezing Up

HANNOVER, Dec. 31 (Reuters).—Floodwaters threatening today threatened to halt canal traffic between East and West Germany, authorities here said. Ice forming on the Mittelland Canal, the only one between the two German states, has already slowed traffic.

## House Democratic Reformers Want Whip as Elective Post

By Marjorie Hunter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (NYT).—Democratic reformers have mounted what could be a successful drive to make this Democratic whip, the party's No. 3 leadership post in the House, an elective job.

The Democratic whip, traditionally has been appointed by the majority leader, after consultation with the speaker in recent years. Most such appointments eventually have moved up the party leadership ladder to become speaker.

Critics of this method of selecting a whip contend that it gives a speaker and a majority leader the power in effect, to perpetuate their own succession.

The move to make the whip's job elective will come Tuesday at a caucus of all House Democrats, just a day before the 93d Congress convenes.

Meanwhile, Rep. Sam Gibbons of Florida, officially withdrew Friday as a candidate for House

Democratic majority leader, thus assuring the election Tuesday of Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts.

Rep. Gibbons was Rep. O'Neill's only challenger for the post left vacant in mid-October by the disappearance of Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana in an airplane somewhere in Alaska.

Rep. O'Neill served as whip under Speaker Carl Albert and Rep. Boggs, and thus is a product of the "automatic escalation" tradition that reformers hope to topple this week with their move to elect a whip.

Both Rep. Albert and Rep. O'Neill have said that they would prefer an appointive whip. But they have not actively sought to head off the move to make the job elective.

There are strong indications that their choice for appointment would be John J. McFall of California, who served as a deputy floor whip under Rep. O'Neill during the last two years.

If the caucus votes to make the job elective, a major scramble is expected, with perhaps as many as 20 or more of the 24 House Democrats competing for the post.

Rep. Philip Burton, a California liberal, has been campaigning for the job for weeks and says he has more than 100 commitments of support.

Rep. Morris E. Udall of Arizona, who lost to Rep. Boggs in the majority leader race two years ago, also has said that he would run if the job were made elective.

Rep. Gibbons, too, might be a candidate, now that he has dropped out of the race for majority leader. And the field also could include John Brademas of Indiana, a deputy whip during the last two years; John Moss of California; Jack Brooks of Texas; and Joe D. Waggoner Jr. of Louisiana.

Speaker Albert has only taken opposition in his bid for a second term. Challenging him is Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Michigan, a leader of the Black Caucus.



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## Tiny Particles of Volcanic Glass

## Orange Moon Soil Is Really Brown

By Abigail T. Brett

HOUSTON, Dec. 31 (WP).—The prized orange soil brought back from the moon by the Apollo-17 astronauts is mostly whitish-colored glass, which scientists believe may be the first volcanic soil returned from the moon.

"We don't know why the glass is colored or what its exact origins are but we hope it will tell us something about the volcanic processes on the moon," Paul Gast, chief of earth and planetary sciences at the Manned Spacecraft Center, said Friday.

The material interests scientists not only because of its color but also because it has the smallest grain size of any lunar dirt studied so far and the highest concentration of zinc ever seen on the moon.

The rock box containing the unique sample was opened Wednesday afternoon in the Lunar Receiving Laboratory where scientists will begin a detailed analysis of the 250 pounds of lunar material collected on the last Apollo flight to the moon.

After a preliminary study of the browned soil, scientists announced Friday that 80 percent of the material is composed of

tiny glass spheres and broken pieces of similar glass beads.

The size of the grains is half that of normal lunar soil. The grains are so small that the soil has the feel of silk.

No rock fragments were seen, suggesting that the soil is very young since bits from the surrounding rubble have not had time to mix with it.

The first surprise came when scientists and officials opened the rock box and found that their unique sample was not really orange at all but more of an ochre-brown.

"It doesn't look the same," astronaut Harrison H. (Jack) Schmitt remarked Wednesday. "The only real orange was the stuff I picked up on the moon."

Against the inky black of space and a lunar landscape of whites and grays the brown tones of this soil must have looked bright orange to the two lunar explorers.

The soil also contains 10 times as much zinc as had been seen in previous lunar soil.

"This is the highest concentration of zinc that we know of," one scientist said. "On earth, it can be concentrated near volcanic features but we don't know what it means on the moon."

Apollo-17's soil may cast some light on other mysterious glass beads brought back on earlier missions. In an Apollo-15 sample, scientists discovered some green glass, and on Apollo-11, they saw dark red glass spheres, rich in iron and titanium.

"Perhaps this glass will help us understand the origin of these other glasses," Dr. Gast said. "It opens up the whole question of (volcanic) gases on the lunar surface."

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Large landholdings are an especially sensitive issue in Mexico, one that was a basic cause of the Mexican revolution 60 years ago. It was the promise of the revolution that every farmer would have his own piece of land to work. In 1910, 86 percent of the farmland in Mexico was in the hands of 800 families. At present, three million farmers

are permitted to purchase land in Mexico, with limitations as to how close it can be to a frontier or the sea. The location of Las Pampas is not an issue in the complaint.

Violation Alleged

The farmers are saying, however, that the Las Pampas ranch is not four properties, as indicated in the registry papers, but really one huge landholding in violation of Mexican law. They also note that some of the land is being sold as an "ejido" by farmers in the area. Basically, an ejido is cooperative farmland created by an agrarian community.

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By Richard Severo

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31 (NYT).—The Mexican government is investigating charges that former President Lyndon Johnson is surreptitiously and illegally holding 108,724 acres of ranch land in the border state of Chihuahua.

The charges have been brought by a group of farmers in Chihuahua, who say that Mr. Johnson is using the land by virtue of an agreement with former Mexican President Miguel Aleman.

A spokesman for President Luis Echeverria confirmed that the Agrarian Department is conducting the investigation and added that the government would have nothing more to say at this point.

"It is only an investigation," the spokesman said. "No conclusions are being made as yet."

The land is located near Ciudad Camargo, 300 miles south of El Paso, Texas.

The ranch is called Las Pampas, and according to Alfredo V. Bonfil, head of the National Confederation of Farmers, it contains several thousand head of cattle, including Herefords, Charolais, Angus and mixed breeds.

'Johnson's Cattle'

"It is common knowledge in Chihuahua that these are Mr. Johnson's cattle," said Mr. Bonfil. The complaining farmers are members of this organization, which has a national membership of 2,000 and is regarded as an influential power representing farmers' interests.

Mr. Bonfil admitted the cattle bore no marking that would prove they were Mr. Johnson's, nor could he say precisely how the cattle got to the ranch. He also said that no cattle are officially registered in Mexico as belonging to Mr. Johnson.

But he said that farmers in the area used their own sources to determine that Las Pampas is owned by Mr. Johnson in some sort of partnership with Mr. Aleman. The ownership records list neither man.

Las Pampas has four owners of record, all of them Mexican nationals. Mr. Bonfil listed them as Antonio Diaz Ballesteros, Manuel Barber, Salvador Torres Huerta and an army major known only to the farmers as Mr. Torge.

Mr. Bonfil declined to discuss the specific pieces of evidence that have been turned over to the government. He did say, however, that the complaints have not been tried directly commencing with Mr. Johnson or Mr. Aleman or the four owners of record. He indicated that the government investigation would probably be completed within six months.

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The farmers think Mr. Johnson's interest in the land goes back about five years but it could not be immediately determined what prompted them to suddenly draw up their complaint last February.

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Paeng Krontong and Lam Kansueksa, attended by their seconds, met on a deserted road for the shootout, police said.

They hit each other in the legs in their first volley and fell. As they lay on the ground they fired again, this time killing each other.

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## While Raid in Belfast Nabs 11 Dublin Arrests an IRA Leader, No. 1 on British Wanted List

DUBLIN, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Irish police today arrested a high-ranking Irish Republican Army leader, Martin McGuinness, No. 1 on the British wanted list in Northern Ireland.

Police seized Mr. McGuinness, 35, and another man, Joseph McCullough, at Ballybofey in County Wick.

## Belfast Sees Old Year Out With Violence

BELFAST, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Northern Ireland closed out 1972 today with more bloodshed. Gunmen wounded two British soldiers in Belfast attacks and yesterday a civilian was killed and two wounded.

A soldier of an armored-car patrol was hit in the leg when snipers opened fire in the Catholic Ardoyne area, the army said.

A short time later a single sniper shot tore through the arm of a soldier in a foot patrol in the Catholic New Lodge area.

The shootings followed the arrest last night of a company commander of the Irish Republican Army by soldiers raiding a pub in Belfast's Catholic Falls Road area. The raid was part of a series by troops hunting IRA battalion commander who was snatched from a hospital while under arrest.

Baker Killed  
Police thought today's shootings might also be reprisals for the shooting to death yesterday of Catholic bakery worker Eustice Martin, 58, as he was about to return home from work.

The apparently motiveless murder was the 121st in Belfast. It brought the death toll in violence in Northern Ireland between Catholics and Protestants since August, 1969, to 679.

In other violence yesterday a Protestant youth was shot in the head when men in a passing car fired on him as he walked along a street they walked along a street, Belfast street, police said.

Another Shooting  
In a similar incident, four men in a car called a youth by name as he walked with two other youths in the western outskirts of the city. They shot him in the arm as he approached the car, then drove away, the spokesman said.

Police said snipers fired seven shots at the Downpatrick police station, 18 miles south of Belfast, yesterday. No one was hit, and police fired only one shot in return.

British troops today continued the search for the Provisional IRA's 1st Battalion commander, James Brown, 26, who was snatched by gunmen from Lagan Valley Hospital, in Lisburn, seven miles south of Belfast, Friday.

Mr. Brown was arrested six weeks ago by the army and handed over to police custody. He was admitted to the hospital and underwent an appendectomy Wednesday.

## Value-Added Tax Deadline Catches Italy Unprepared

ROME, Dec. 31 (Reuters)—Italy, in theory, will abandon its ancient tax system, which goes back to ancient Roman times, and go over to a value-added tax tomorrow.

But, typically, a strike by tax officials and last-minute changes in the law make it highly unlikely that the tax would in fact come into effect on the promised date.

Italy was meant to join the rest of the European Common Market in applying the value-added tax two years ago but has won repeated stays of execution.

However, the last plea for yet another delay was turned down, forcing the nation to conform.

At present, the Italian tax system is a morass of about 20 different taxes including a salt tax and a levy on goods imported into cities, both of which have their origins in ancient Rome.

1975-Year-Old Tax  
The interior minister, called the date, was introduced 1975 years ago by Emperor Diocletian. It was perpetuated by the nation's various invaders including the Goths and Longobards and survived through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Currently, the tax produces from \$928 million to \$978 million a year for the Treasury.

The disappearance of the date not only will alter the Italian way of life but also will lead to the disappearance of the tax offices now sited on all main roads on the outskirts of Italian cities.

Another tax to go by the board will be the ancient salt tax. The introduction of the value-added tax will, in fact, mean a 50 percent drop in the price of salt, a state monopoly.

Cat in Salt Price  
At present one kilo of salt costs 50 lire (4 cents) but from Jan. 1 the price should drop to 30 lire (2 cents).

Under the Italian value-added tax, there will be three basic tax levels: 18 percent for luxury goods, 12 percent for most other goods and 6 percent for such essentials as food.

In an attempt to stop inflation of food prices, which recently have been rising rapidly, the government has decided to make an exception in the case of foodstuffs. They will be taxed at only 1 percent until 1975.

Electricity and telephones will be slightly cheaper as will registering a rent contract, moreover, the shaky textile industry will have its dues for luxury and ordinary textiles cut from 18 to 9 and 12 to 6 percent respectively until 1975.



AERIAL VIEW—Enlargement of a NASA photo, taken last Thursday from an altitude of 3,000 feet, shows damage to city of Managua, six days after the quake.

## Quake Prophet Admits Error; Nicaraguans San Francisco Safe Jan. 4 Protest Way Aid Is Doled

By Philip Hager

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—An insurance man was deluged by callers seeking earthquake coverage. A suburban mother planned to keep her children home from school. But Friday, Reuben Greenspan, who ranted San Francisco by predicting a calamitous earthquake at 9 a.m. next Thursday, called it off.

"It gives me profound pleasure," the bearded 66-year-old recluse told a packed Palo Alto, Calif., news conference, "to announce that the prediction I made two years ago that an earthquake would take place on Jan. 4, 1973, is not correct."

He discovered two days ago an error in the "input data" he had used to make his original calculation.

The mathematician-prophet, under a barrage of often hostile questioning from reporters, said he was not sorry for the excitement he had caused.

If a big quake wasn't coming Thursday, he was asked, then when?

"I'm going to turn my formula and findings over to the scientific community... and from this point on I will make no more predictions," he said. Then, adding just one more prediction, he said that he expected scientists, using his formula and his computers, to be able soon to predict all the earthquakes for the rest of 1973.

Mr. Greenspan's prophecy had been based on a theory involving the relative positions of the sun and the moon and the resulting gravitational pull.

Earthquake experts, however, had heavily discounted the prediction. Dr. Barry Raleigh, a geophysicist with the U.S. Office of Earthquake Research, Prof. Bruce Bolt, director of the seismographic station at the University of California at Berkeley, and Wesley G. Bruer, the state geologist, all agreed, in Greenspan's prediction was without scientific foundation.

Ordinarily, predictions like Mr. Greenspan's would not be afforded the dignity of a rumor. But Mr. Greenspan, it turned out, had won a moment of fame nearly 40 years ago for some reportedly successful earthquake predictions and since then had

The number of overseas honors was reduced because the new Australian government of Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam did not make any recommendations for honors. Three Australian states made direct recommendations to the queen, however.

Among the other awards to Britain was a knighthood for John Addis, Britain's first ambassador to Peking when relations were restored in March, and another for Hugh Cudlipp, chairman of the giant international publishing corporation that publishes the Daily Mirror.

Several sporting figures were honored, including England cricketer Ray Illingworth, named commander of the Order of the British Empire, and Mary Peters, who won Britain's first athletics gold medal at the Munich Olympics, named member of the Order of the British Empire.

3 Injured as Bomb Explodes in Naples  
NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 31 (Reuters)—Three people were hurt by flying glass when a bomb went off during the night in front of the building housing the Naples daily newspaper Il Mattino.

The blast shattered all the windows of both the newspaper and neighboring buildings. And was heard several miles away.

At first it was thought the bomb was thrown from a small red car and police detained 13 people, all driving red cars. But later there were reports that the bomb had been placed in front of the building by a pedestrian.

Israel Strike Looms  
TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Thirty thousand engineers and technicians threatened today to disrupt the nation's water, electricity, telephone, radio and television services for one day beginning Tuesday if their demands for pay raises are not met.

Management and labor officials were meeting with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir in an attempt to settle the dispute.

## Just 'Unpaying Guests' as of Today Mintoff Warns British on Rent Hike

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec. 31 (AP)—Malta's Prime Minister Dom Mintoff said on television yesterday that if Britain refuses to meet his deadline tomorrow for an extra 10 percent on the rent for British bases, then Britain's forces in Malta will lose their rights under the bilateral defense agreement.

Mr. Mintoff said he had told Malta's Central Bank that if Britain pays only the current rent for three months, due Jan. 1, of 22.5 million, the bank will immediately return the payment to London.

From that moment on, he said, the British forces will be regarded as guests of Malta, a friendly and hospitable island. He said that this would show the world that Malta still wants to maintain the long-standing friendship between the two countries.

"We want to show the world," he said, "that although we are a small country of 200,000 people we were not ready to accept dictation by bigger powers who think they can do what they like because of their might."

Diplomats Meet  
There was intense diplomatic activity in Valletta yesterday. Italian Ambassador Enrico Gilioli presided at a meeting including U.S. Ambassador John G. Galt, who later saw Mr. Mintoff.

West German Ambassador A. Steinback and British High Commissioner John Moreson were involved in the discussions after Mr. Moreson had conferred with military service chiefs for five hours.

Mr. Mintoff did not elaborate in his speech on what the loss of rights to the British forces would involve.

Observers here said it would mean the Maltese authorities would view the British forces as having no legal right to be in Malta. They said the forces would be unable to regard themselves as stationed in Malta under the defense agreement—signed last March after much haggling and intervention by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Duty-Free Gasoline  
One result could be that the Royal Air Force would lose its duty-free gasoline.

Malta's request for a rent increase, rejected by British Prime Minister Edward Heath, followed Britain's decision to pound Mr. Mintoff said his government could not afford to bear any losses as a result of this move.

He added that British Defense Minister Lord Carrington knew "very well" when he signed the defense agreement last March that if sterling were devalued the matter would come up again for discussion.

British forces in Malta spend

Erich Buchholz Dies; Artist Was Banned by Hitler  
BERLIN, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Erich Buchholz, 81, one of the leaders of the avant-garde art movement of the '20s, died Friday.

Mr. Buchholz was known throughout the world, but the Nazis banned his paintings and sculpture, and he could not exhibit in Germany from 1933 to 1945.

His work is in New York's Museum of Modern Art, Boston's Carnegie Institute and West Berlin's National Gallery.

Milton L. Kaplan  
NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (NYT)—Milton L. Kaplan, 52, general manager and chief operating manager of King Features Syndicate, was killed Friday in an accident on the ski slopes of a private club in Windham, N.Y.

Mr. Kaplan became vice-president of King Features Syndicate Division of the Hearst Corp. in 1969. He had then been a newspaper reporter, foreign correspondent, Washington bureau chief and editor for more than 25 years.

S. Schnippenkoetter  
BONN, Dec. 31 (AP)—Swidbert Schnippenkoetter, 57, West German Ambassador to all international organizations in Geneva, died yesterday in a Freiburg clinic. He was also consul general for West Germany in Geneva.

Shizuma Matsuo  
TOKYO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Shizuma Matsuo, 68, chairman of the board of Japan Air Lines, died today at a Tokyo hospital. Mr. Matsuo had a gall-stone disorder.

Mr. Matsuo was the first post-war director general of the Air Transport Agency of the Ministry of Transportation and helped establish Japan Air Lines in 1961.

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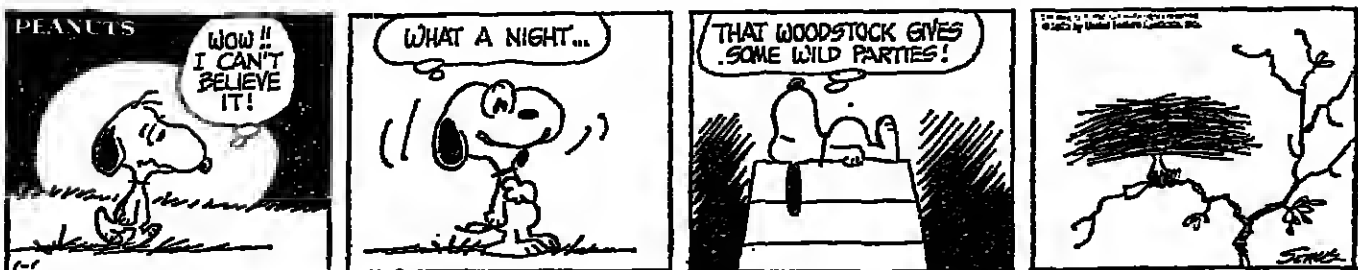
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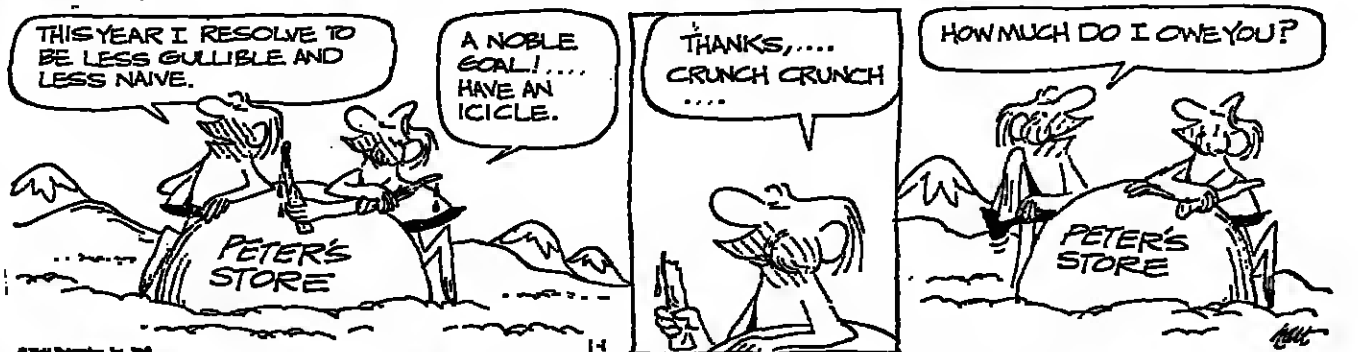
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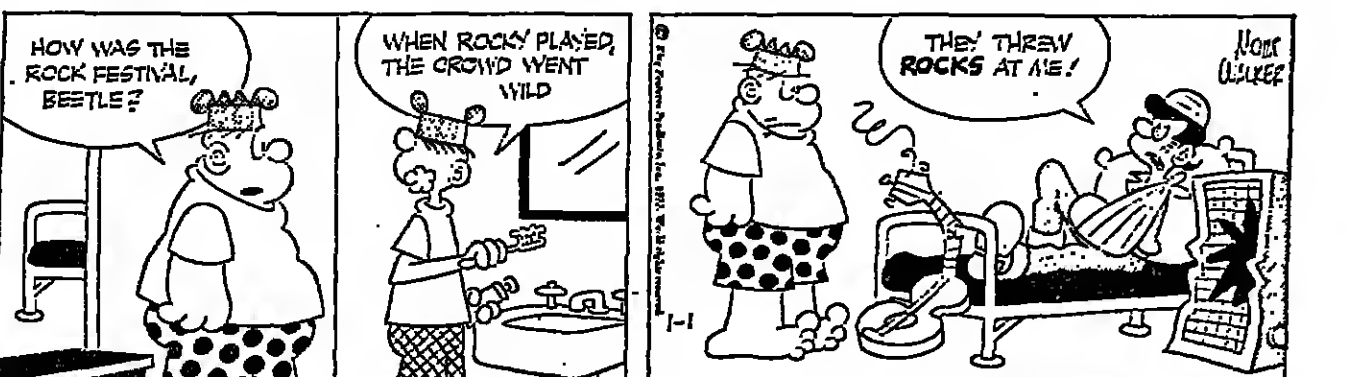
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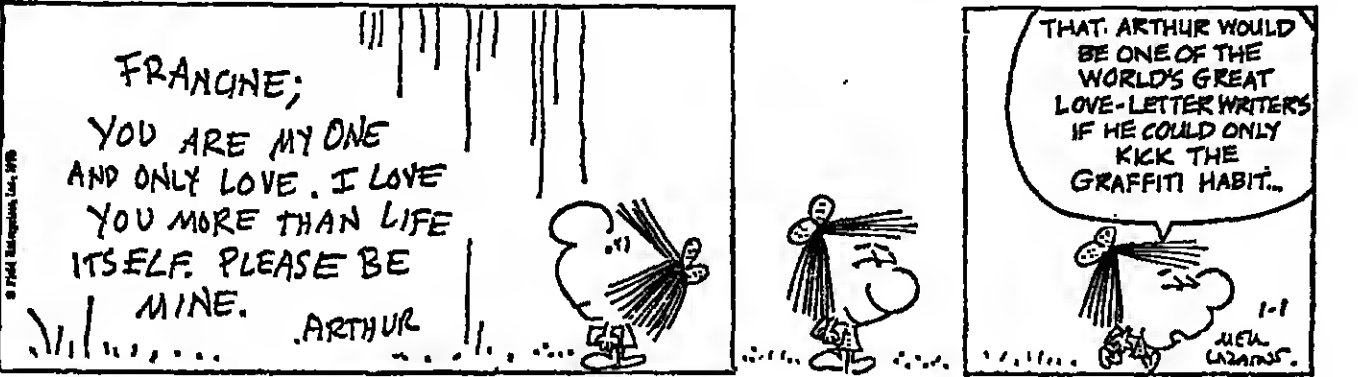
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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

Reaching the unreachable trick in the dummy is often somewhat easier than it seems at first sight. The diagrammed deal is an example.

South opened two no-trump and North bid Stayman before East chased a lead-directing double. Although his suit was hardly strong enough for this action since he could not be sure that clubs would be the best lead for the defense, he gained indirectly by discouraging the losing diamond lead.

South's redouble promised at least four clubs and suggested that the partnership stand its ground. If North had held three clubs he would have had an exciting time playing three clubs doubled in a four-three fit against a known bad break, but as it was he naturally retreated.

South considered raising three hearts to four hearts, a contract in which 11 tricks would have been made except perhaps after a spade lead, but he was afraid of a bad break in that suit.

West dutifully led a club, and East captured the queen with the ace and returned the ten. South won and could count only eight tricks, since the heart ace in dummy was apparently unreachable.

South's first step was to lead a spade. West won with the king and led a third club, which South won. He cashed the spade ace, but did not lead a third spade since it was probable that East held all the remaining black cards.

Instead he simply cashed his king and queen of hearts and three diamond winners. A fourth diamond put West on lead. The defense took its second diamond trick, but had to lead hearts at the finish and dummy's unreachable ace made the last trick to give the declarer his contract.

**SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE**

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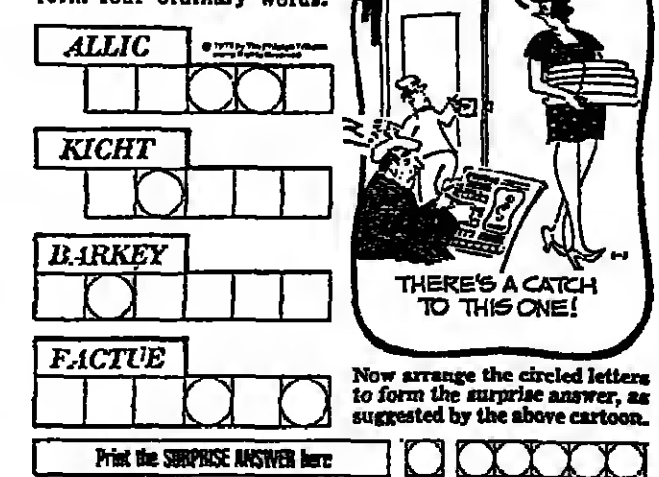
DENNIS THE MENACE



THEN THEY RAN OUT GLASSES OR SOMETHIN', AND HE HAD TO DRINK OUT OF HER SHOE!

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print the SURPRISE ANSWER here

Saturday's Jumble: HOARD IDIOT BUSILY FUTURE

Answers: They're three to one!—THINGS

BOOKS

THE PERSIAN BOY

By Mary Renault. Pantheon. 419 pp. \$7.95.

Reviewed by Thomas Lask

MARY Renault's treatment of the later career of Alexander the Great in "The Persian Boy" is the standard one for historical fiction—but with a difference. It offers what might be called a groom-of-the-chamber view of the Greek conqueror. Her treatment brings us close to the man as he sees him, but it also reduces the great pageant of his career to a closet drama. And since the narrator is also Alexander's lover, it continually opposes Alexander's conquest of the world with his homosexual successes in the bedroom. The result keeps the focus on the hothouse atmosphere of the king's tent. It is a little like describing the winning of the West as it seems from a room in a Montana bordello. It would appear that Alexander's career was a series of sorties against fortified towns, personal crises in administration, larded with pleasant interludes with his catamite. Of course the book is consistent enough. We can only know what Bagoas, Alexander's companion, knows, and what he knows is that Alexander is a heroic figure, strong and humanly frail, noble, but when necessary cruel, great in his courage and in his passions, infinitely resourceful on the battlefield and in the council chamber.

Bagoas, a youth of great personal beauty and incidentally a historical personage, is a eunuch at the court of Darius the Persian king, when he is turned over to Alexander. He had come from an aristocratic lineage, but had been mutilated and sold into slavery after his father and the rest of his family were slaughtered by an enemy. He endures all sorts of abuse until he lands at the court of Darius and there he learns the subtle arts of a groom-of-the-chamber. The king is a pleasant taskmaster and no sadist and the youngster develops a great feeling of loyalty if not much affection for the older man. But his feelings do flare up when he becomes part of Alexander's court. He is 16, Alexander 25 and between them grows a friendship that stands outside any relationship Alexander has with his generals, soldiers or retainers. Alexander's sexual tastes appear to be historically justified.

Alexander had just conquered Egypt and was moving east in the first of a number of moves that would eventually take him and his vast army through the Kyber Pass and into India. In the light of Greece's subsequent history, he might have been better advised to turn west and put the Romans under the yoke first. However, he pushed farther and farther east, past the Tigris and Euphrates, past Media and Bactria, turning south and west again only when faced by the virtual mutiny of his Macedonian warriors, who had had their fill of foreign adventure and wanted to return to their own acres with their spoils.

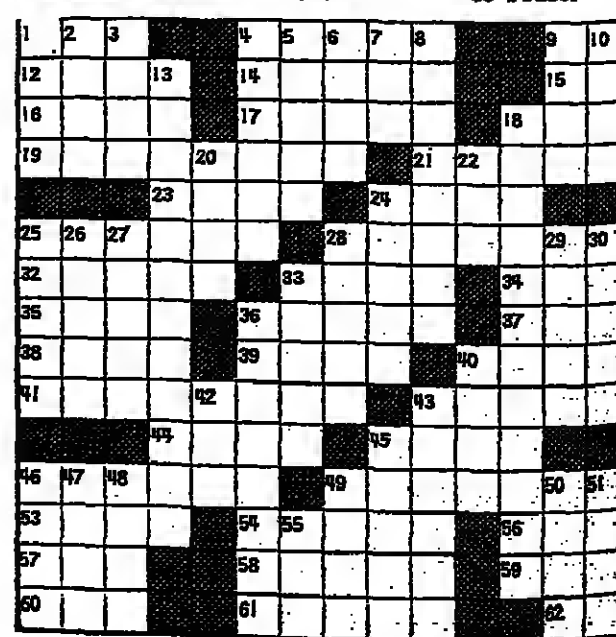
Alexander's conquests were not so much a result of his plans as of an insatiable curiosity to see foreign lands and a desire for more victories. The more he won, the more he wanted to win, and, as in Miss Renault's "Fire Heaven," to which the book is a sequel, "The Persian Boy" is full of those details that only a novelist can give. Obviously knows her source material thoroughly and has set it built on it. The story of the Persian court and comradely informality of Greek camp are handled sure and effective touches. Miss Renault makes unclear the codes of honor behavior under which both lived and often cruelly. Nevertheless, throughout reading I could not get over feeling that I really ought to back to a decent Greek history stripped of all fictional devil.

Mr. Lask is a book reviewer for The New York Times.

CROSSWORD

By Will

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# Tennessee Takes Bowl Over LSU

## Early Attack Led By Soph's Runs

United Press International

**HANGING ON**—Tampa's Morris LeGrant runs into a couple of Kent State defenders during Tangerine Bowl victory.

Pittsburgh's defense held on a third and two at the Miami 48, throwing Morris for a loss. But in a punting situation, Kleber Larry Seiple raced 37 yards through the stunned Steeler

## Auburn Upsets Colorado With Help of Mistakes

Csonka carried for three yards to the nine and then took a swing pass from Morrall and eluded cornerback Mel Blount to complete a nine-yard scoring play.

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First Doves	10	13
Rushing-Yards	49-193	28-124
Passing-Yards	61	125
Paces	16-15-1	19-20-2
Putts	24-35-5	4-14-3
Fumbles-Yards	8-0	2-0
Receives-Yards	11-0	4-39

Waters, in his third season, got by during the season but was noticeably beaten by Taylor in this game. He also suffered an injury when he failed to call for a fair catch in the third period on the October 24. He tried to run, tackled on his 38, suffering a broken arm on the play, and then Dallas was marched back 15 yards because of Mike Montgomery's slip.

Three Staubach passes were incomplete and Kilmer started directing the Redskins on a decisive touchdown from their own 22.

Washington was now in the first place, and Kilmer went to work on him. Taylor caught three passes against him in the 78-yard drive that included the 43-yard scoring.

Kilmer rounded up huttine 14 of 18 passes for 194 yards and Taylor caught seven of them for 166 yards. Brown and Charley Haraway caught seven for 83 yards and Saraway chipped in with 11 carries for 29 yards.

**Russia Routes  
Canada, 12-3,  
In Cup Hockey**

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**N. Carolina Wins**  
EL PASO, Dec. 31 (AP).—Nick Vidoric, the North Carolina quarterback, threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ted Leverenz with one minute left to play Friday and gave the Tar Heels a 35-

The embattled Canadian team, composed of junior, A players, 20 years old and younger, trailed 10-0 before scoring three straight goals after the Soviet Union's second starting goalie, Alexander Shtankov.

Petrov and Kharlamov each had two goals and two assists while Mikhailov had a goal and three assists. Russian Vladimir Yulov also had a goal and contributed two assists.

The smooth-passing game was in contrast to the Soviet Union's rough 6-3 pasting of Czechoslovakia Friday night in Colorado Springs.

Marked by 23 penalties—19 of them on the Russians, who had three players ejected for fighting.

Two more games remain in the round-robin tourney. The United States faces Canada tonight and the Soviet Union Tuesday night.

## ABA Standings

Davidson 66, Cincinnati 87. (Championship) Bradley 72, St. Bonaventure 73. Kansas Classic (Championship) Metropolitan State 82, Arizona 74. Michigan 82, Rochester 81. Holy Cross 83, Rochester 81. Kansas Classic (Championship) Arkansas 87, Southern Illinois 80. Gen. City Classic (Championship) Buffalo 72, Gibson 77. (Championship) Lafayette 71, Bucknell 77. Widener Invitational (Championship) Chermey 34, Widener 41. (Championship) Chermey 34, Widener 41. (Championship) Air Force 66, Boston U. 63. (Championship) Evansville 74, Seton Hall 72. Oral Roberts Classic (Championship) Oral Roberts 64, Seton Hall 68. (Championship) Eastern Kentucky 114, St. Mary's 101. (Championship) Milwaukee Classic Marquette 76, Wisconsin 73 (2 ot). (Championship) Rice 77,	<b>Eastern Division</b> Carolina ..... 37 14 650 Kentucky ..... 37 14 650 Memphis ..... 22 21 519 6 Virginia ..... 14 25 380 12 New York ..... 14 25 380 12 <b>Western Division</b> Olat ..... 23 10 422 3 Indiana ..... 23 10 422 3 Denver ..... 21 17 432 3 Kansas ..... 16 22 384 11 San Diego ..... 16 22 384 11 <b>Friday's Games</b> Kentucky 121, San Diego 104 (Final) Memphis 22, New York 11 New York 114, San Diego 104 (Championship) Kansas 25, Chicago 14; Williams 23, Moore 13 <b>Saturday's Games</b> Denver 126, New York 104; Wilmington 40, Robert 33; Paulitz 29, Baum 41; Ralph 40, New York 41; St. Mary's 40, Evansville 37 Virginia 126, Memphis 104 (Prize game) Indiana 104, Kentucky 76 St. John's 26, St. Mary's 26 Julius Erving had 18 rebounds. Kentucky 104, San Diego 66 Cunningham 16; Mount 27; Isuel 21. Coughen lead Colorado in East by 1 1/2. Indiana 104, Kentucky 76 Johnson, Daniels 16; New York 29, R. Jones 16 Utah 111, San Diego 60; Jones 27, Boone, Beyer, Goran 17; RUI 21, Johnson 20, Gerald 16 Kansas 104, New York 76 Kansas 104, New York 76
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# N. Carolina State Tops W. Virginia In Peach Bowl

ATLANTA, Dec. 31 (UPI).—With a freshman quarterback, Dave Buckley, at the controls, North Carolina State crushed West Virginia, 49-13, Friday in the Peach Bowl.

Starting for the first time because of the first-string quarterback, Buckley broke his arm in practice. Buckley passed for two touchdowns and ran for one. One of his touchdown throws was to his twin brother, Don.

Buckley threw 13 passes and completed eight for 139 yards.

North Carolina State had four offensive gains as Willie Burden ran for 111 yards, three carries and a touchdown. Stan Rife plunged for three touchdowns.

In the final period, after Buckley had been taken out, Gary Clements guided the Wolfpack 94 yards in 11 plays, with Burden barreling in from the seven. The big play in that drive was a 62-yard run by Charley Young.

West Virginia scored first as Frank Reed kicked field goals of 27 and 29 yards.

But Buckley put the Wolfpack into the lead with his 37-yard scoring strike to his brother. It was his second touchdown pass of the season.

**Lakeland Wins in Spain**  
VITORIA, Spain, Dec. 31 (AP).  
—Lakeland College of Wisconsin, beat Spanish premier league team Vasconia, 61-50, in an exhibition basketball game here.



